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In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the Office Action for a period of two months from September 20, 2002 up to and including November 20, 2002.

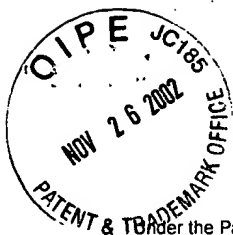
THE AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 57, line 1, in the Abstract, with the following paragraph:

--The present invention relates to transgenic animals, as well as compositions and methods relating to the characterization of gene function. Specifically, the present invention provides transgenic mice comprising mutations in a serine protease gene. The transgenic mice are useful as models for disease and for identifying agents that modulate gene expression and gene function, and as potential treatments for various disease states and disease conditions.--

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